

Let the Law be Repealed.

Editor Colored American: Allow me space to make this brief statement. Through the columns of your spicy, newsy paper, I desire to make known to the American people of another mean, discriminating law on the statute books, to which the attention of the present Congress is now called.

The American people through me, desire to ask Congress why it should allow a law to remain on the statute books giving each member of Congress



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and each Federal office holder an unlimited extraordinary homestead exemption; and gives to the people a limited state homestead exemption.

I mean to state that the salaries of Congressmen, Senators and Federal office holders are exempted from attachment, from a levying execution against a debt.

Now unless you pass a law exempting the property of each American citizen from sale for debt, I ask why should there be a law exempting the salary of a Senator, Congressman and Federal officers from attachment to pay an honest debt? Answer this by repealing the unjust, hateful and sinful law.

Were I in Congress twenty minutes I would introduce a bill putting all of the American people on an equal footing so far as being honest and paying their honest and just debts.

The idea of our civic civilization being imposed upon in such a way is ridiculous in the extreme. Think of the unfairness in a law screening a man who is able to pay a just debt, and on the other hand declaring the man who needs every dollar he has to buy bread for his wife and only child, that this bread may be taken from their mouths by an execution.

I desire to know the reason why Senators and Representatives would desire special legislation as to themselves when this special legislation is enacted by themselves. If this is not a Legislative Trust, what is it? If this is not special legislation, what is it? If this is not legislation favorable to a few and against the masses of the people, what would you call it?

It is true there is a Negro in Washington City holding a high-salaried place of trust and honor, a presidential appointment, who has a judgment against him, but he is hiding behind the United States' law—a governmental official salary can not be attached even to pay an honest debt.

While such Negroes receive presidential endorsement, and while they are to be regarded as the typical representatives of decency, the race proper will never be anything.

Signed; ISAAC H. SMITH,
New Bern, N. C.

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Dr. J. W. Moore, of Culpeper, Va., one of the recent graduates from the Howard in Pharmacy was called home last week to the burial of his father. He has returned to his post of duty.

Hon. H. A. Rucker, Collector of Internal Revenue, Atlanta, Ga., J. H. Devesaux, Collector of Customs, Savannah, Ga., and Col. W. A. Pledger, Editor of The Age, Atlanta, Ga., were guests in the city this week. They were royally greeted by the host of Georgians who lived in Washington.

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Mr. Webster Wilson is a recent addition to the clerical force at the Census Bureau. Mr. Wilson is a leader in the Lone Star State, and was at one time one of N. W. Cuney's trusted lieutenants. He hails from Galveston, Texas, and served for some time as deputy collector of internal revenue under Hon. Webster Flannigan. His present appointment is credited to Congressman Hawley.

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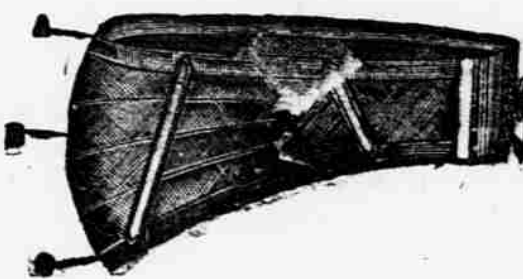
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